

Psalm 10 | Triumph Over Injustice | Finding Hope in God's Righteousness

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¹Why do you stand far off, LORD? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? ²In arrogance, the wicked hunt down the weak. They are caught in the schemes that they devise. ³For the wicked boasts of his heart's cravings. He blesses the greedy and condemns the LORD. ⁴The wicked, in the pride of his face, has no room in his thoughts for God. ⁵His ways are prosperous at all times. He is arrogant, and your laws are far from his sight. As for all his adversaries, he sneers at them. ⁶He says in his heart, "I shall not be shaken. For generations I shall have no trouble." ⁷His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression. Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity. ⁸He lies in wait near the villages. From ambushes, he murders the innocent. His eyes are secretly set against the helpless. ⁹He lurks in secret as a lion in his ambush. He lies in wait to catch the helpless. He catches the helpless when he draws him in his net. ¹⁰The helpless are crushed. They collapse. They fall under his strength. ¹¹He says in his heart, "God has forgotten. He hides his face. He will never see it." ¹²Arise, LORD! God, lift up your hand! Don't forget the helpless. ¹³Why does the wicked person condemn God, and say in his heart, "God won't call me into account"? ¹⁴But you do see trouble and grief. You consider it to take it into your hand. You help the victim and the fatherless. ¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked. As for the evil man, seek out his wickedness until you find none. ¹⁶The LORD is King forever and ever! The nations will perish out of his land. ¹⁷LORD, you have heard the desire of the humble. You will prepare their heart. You will cause your ear to hear, ¹⁸to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that man who is of the earth may terrify no more.